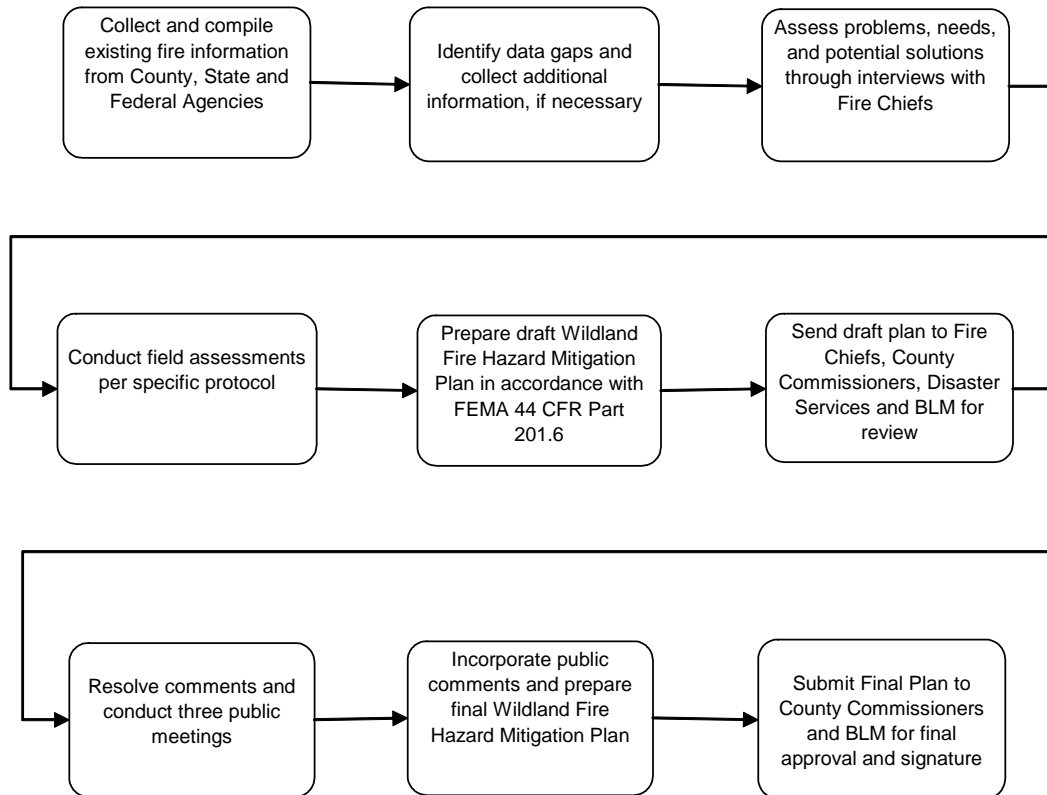


13.0 PROCESS USED TO DEVELOP WILDLAND FIRE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN



An Agreement was made between Oneida County and North Wind, Inc. to provide a Wildland Fire Hazard Mitigation Plan that meets the requirements of the National Fire Plan, FEMA Fire Mitigation Plan, and state and local ordinances. This plan involved the County Commissioners, Fire District Chiefs, and other local officials.

The scope of work included:

- Collecting and compiling existing fire information from County, State, and/or Federal land management agencies.
- Identify any data gaps and collect field information.
- Assess problems, needs, and potential solutions through interview with Fire District personnel as well as elected county officials.
- Assess problems, needs, and potential solutions by 1) receiving input from the general public through a minimum of three (3) public meetings.
- Create an individual Wildland Fire Hazard Mitigation Plan for Oneida County by completing the following:

- Evaluate the data and information from the Hazard Assessment.
- Meet with Fire District personnel and elected officials.
- Hold a planning meeting and two public meetings to receive input related to mitigation planning and discuss findings from the Hazard Assessment.
- The Wildland Fire Hazard Mitigation Plan will include the following items:
 - Recommended action or actions.
 - Location of mitigation projects.
 - Discussion of physical, biological, and social resources that may be affected.
 - Alternatives that were considered.
 - Time frame for implementation and priority of mitigation projects.
 - Funding anticipated and potential sources.
 - Implementation of the specific mitigation projects.

14.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WILDLAND FIRE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

A planning meeting and two public meetings were conducted to solicit input of public agencies, state and local agencies and private citizens in the development of the plan. Sixteen persons attended the planning meeting held July 22, 2004 and the following topics were discussed:

- Identify areas within the county and ranking these areas as to high, medium or low fire risk areas.
- Identify the hazards in these areas.
- Prioritize the risks and hazards and identifying mitigation measures for each.
- Discuss plan maintenance.

Public meetings were held on September 8 and 9, 2004 in Malad City and Holbrook. Nine persons attended on the 8th and the Plan was discussed page by page resulting in several comments that were incorporated into the Plan the following day. Eight persons attended on the 9th and generated little discussion. The main concern at this meeting focused on the Curlew National Grasslands (CNG) and the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Land Resource Management Plan addressing fire suppression and other treatments for the CNG. These concerns were later addressed by the Forest Service and incorporated into the Plan.